UNDERCLASS RISING

PAPER OF THE UNWAGED WORKERS' MOVEMENT.

FOR THOSE WHO WONT GROVEL WITH GRATITUDE!!!

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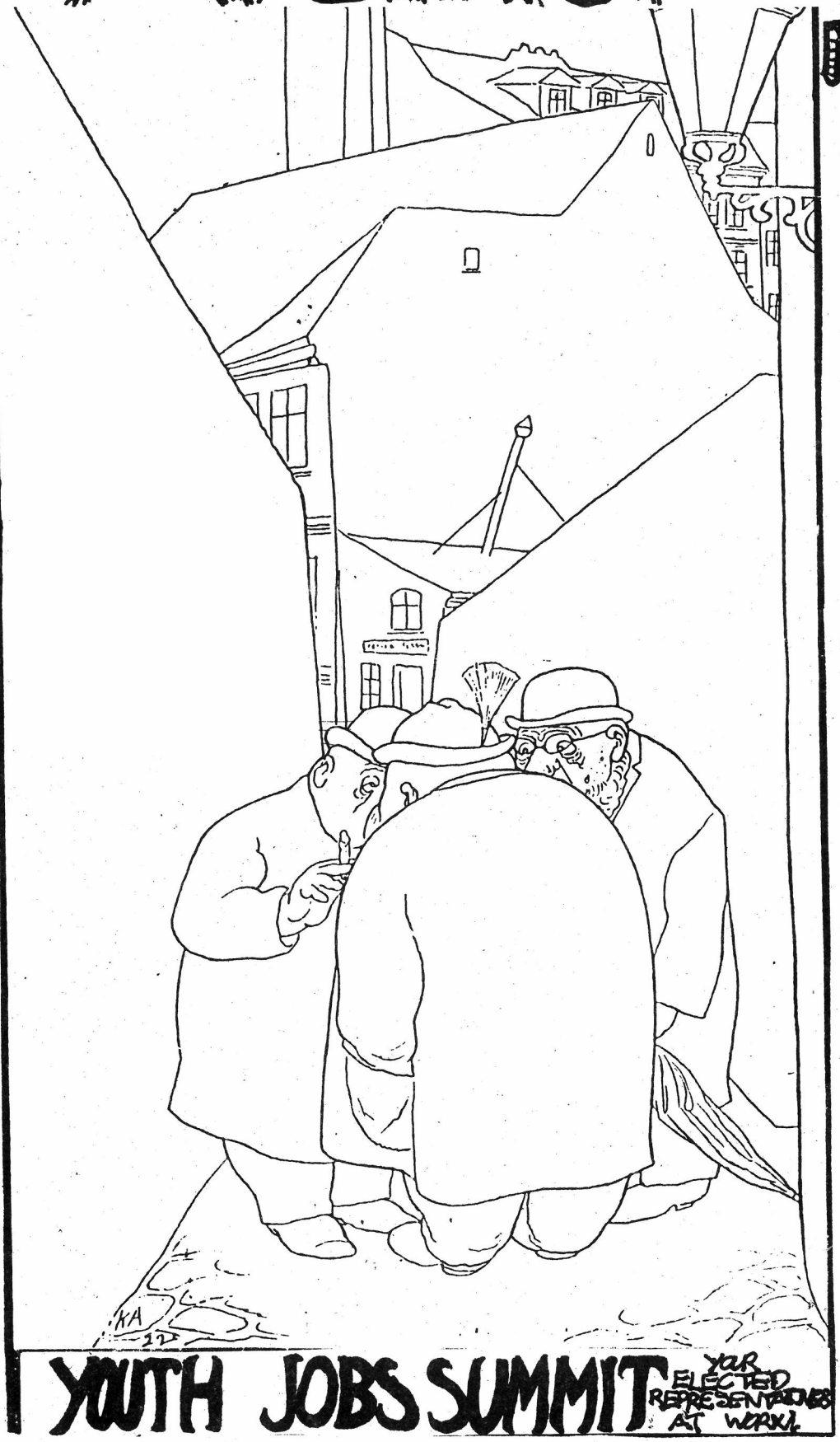

YOUTH JOBS SUMMIT

YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AT WORK!

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Welcome to the first issue of UNDERCLASS RISING, the hopefully to be regular newsletter of the Unwaged Workers' Movement. Despite the grandiose name, we are a small mob of unemployed types (read; without a regular state approved job) who put our propaganda, organise direct actions (protests, situations, practical jokes etc.) and generally try to fuck shit up. We believe in workers' control of community and workplace without bosses, politicians and other bludgers, but mostly we believe that work should be a means to an ends, as opposed to the social slavery it is now (that goes for all work, not just waged work). We want a society based on fun, pleasure and mutual aid, not competition and capitalism. Can we do it? Time will tell but one thing's for sure, we wont achieve it on our own. If you dig this and like what you read here, either get in touch with us or get out there and organise with your friends and neighbours for what you want to do (and it doesn't have to be boring either).
By the way, we are also federated with the Anarcho-Syndicalist Federation, so if you want to get in touch with them, us, or other unemployed/activist/dissident groups, write to us at
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Ten forty-three. In exactly TWO MINUTES I'll ring the FIRST BELL and they'll all stand still! All that is, except your potential DEVIATE! Your FLEDGLING REBEL! Your incipient BOAT-ROCKER! THEY'LL try to move all right! THEY'LL have to learn the hard way not to move!

So I'll SCREAM at 'em and take their NAMES and give them FIVE DETENTIONS and and EXTRA HOMEWORK! NEXT TIME they won't move after the first bell! Because when they've learned not to question the FIRST BELL, they'll learn not to question their TEXTS! Their TEACHERS! Their COURSES! EXAMINATIONS!

They'll grow up to accept TAXES! HOUSING DEVELOPMENT! INSURANCE! WAR! MEN ON THE MOON! BOOZE! LAWS! POLITICAL SPEECHES! PARKING METERS! TELEVISION! FUNERALS! Non-movement after the first bell is the backbone of Western Civilisation!

HA HA WE WON!! (SOLIDARITY AND DIRECT ACTION GET THE GOODS YET AGAIN!)

You wont hear a lot about it, but this year's budget may have been potentially disastrous for unwaged workers. A parliamentary leak, revealed on P.B.S. radio, hinted that money was to be cut from unemployment and elderly pensions. The proposed cuts ranged from 10 to 25 dollars to lower welfare payments for single unemployed to the marriage "de facto" rate. No justification was given, but the laws were to apply to those who did not live alone; perhaps they think that if you live with someone you don't need as much money.

We at the Unwaged Workers' Movement contacted A.C.O.S.S. (Aust. Council of Social Security) and V.C.O.S.S. (Victorian etc.). Yes, they had heard of the leak. No, they weren't going to do anything about it. "Wait until the budget comes out" they told us.

Since we heard about it in July, we didn't have much time. We contacted grass-roots organisations; housing groups, women's' groups, Koorie groups, any organisation who's people stood to loose from the proposal. We urged these groups to send faxes to Neil Blewett, the minister for Social Security, asking "Is there such a proposal, and if so does he support it?" (The procedure for such economic proposals is that the are suggested by parliamentarians, then taken before the Expenditure Review Committee, who gives advice and approval. Then the proposal goes before parliament. Incidentally, when we contacted the E.R.C., made up of Keating, Howe, Dawkins, Blewett and Willis, they would neither confirm nor deny the rumour, but said if it went before them it would be "looked on favourably".)

At least 60 faxes went out from grass - roots groups in Victoria. Furthermore we hurriedly whacked up a bunch of posters with Blewett's fax number and the suggestion that people go to their local M.P. and fax him.

When the U.W.M. contacted labour senator Olive Zakharov, we got a favourable response. And lo and behold, a few days after speaking to her we received a letter saying that she had contacted Blewett personally and had been reassured no such proposal would be taking place. Not "had" taken place. "Would not be" taking place.

It is obvious to us, as all government officials we contacted knew about the proposal, that the proposal did exist, and was to be put forward to the Expenditure Review Committee, whereupon it would have been approved and in all likelihood be passed through parliament (reckon the Libs would have blocked it? HA!) It is also obvious to us that it was the combined fightback of grass-roots community organisations and unemployed individuals that stoped it.

So it seems that by actually getting a bit of SOLIDARITY and DIRECT ACTION happening, we can defeat the politicians when they come up with stupid ideas like cutting money from our income. Think about it. And watch out for their next atrocity.

P.S. Your good mate Mr. Blewett can be contacted at (06) 273 3420 on fax or (06) 277 7340 on phone. You may want his explanation on all this.

SO, WHAT DO YOUNG PEOPLE THINK OF THE WAGES OFFERED THEM BY KEATING'S YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT SUMMIT? (We hear you ask).

"I didn't plan on living like this for all my life. I plan on having a family and I plan on giving my family something decent in life. I plan on a decent job. But what's the point of working when you are just going to get ripped off? $125 a week, you couldn't save anything for a house or a car on that, you could hardly afford anything.

"As for going out into the bush to plant trees, I will tell them to stick it."

That's how one 17-year old in Dandenong sees it. People below 18 are refusing to work for the slave labour youth wages Keating and Hewson want to force on them. The politicians believe cutting wages to levels on which it is impossible to survive will force people to work. Instead, it makes young people recognise that work is a bad joke.

Hewson would pay $120 a week for a forty-hour week to people under 18. Keating offers a "training wage" which would amount after tax to $120.77. The difference between what Keating calls Hewson's "low wages" and Keating's "reforms" is a massive 77c.

UNDERCLASS RISING does not and will not support any party over another. We do not believe any party can, will or is trying to end unemployment. Having said this, we want to point out that the way television, radio and the newspapers talk about youth wage proposals is a pack of lies. Keating's proposals are the worst. For the extra 77c you get from Keating you have to do twice as much work. The training the employers wont pay for is what the 77c covers. Nobody who's spent most of their life in school thinks "training" is anything other than boring hackwork, for which people should be paid.

Keating has surrendered more to the employers than Hewson. The bosses told Keating $120 a week was too much for them to pay (poor little things). Under this industrial blackmail, Keating knuckled under . He allowed the bosses to pay less than $120, while the government made up the difference with its "training" subsidy.

If Hewson wants to break his promises about the slave pay rate - you may think $120 a week too low but the bosses think it's too high - he will adopt the Keating pay rat´s, but cut the subsidy. And whoever heard of a politician keeping promises?

Under Keating's so-called Career Start Traineeship scheme, you would be working directly for your boss in your first year 50% of the time. The so-called forty hour week would really be a 20 hour week. The boss would, in this situation, do his best to ensure you did 40 hours' work in 20 hours,

The gutless wonders in Canberra are offering you effectively a twenty-hour week. They are too frightened to admit it. Current A.L.P. president Barry Jones told them, when he wrote "Sleepers Wake" ten years ago that modern technology had reduced the effective working week to 20 hours. They know he was right but they wont say so openly. What Jones also said, which he never breaths a word about as A.L.P. president, is that increased productivity through the new technology made it possible of pay for twenty hours work what used to be forty hours pay. Let's ask a simple question: if modern technology allows more goods to be produced faster, quicker and cheaper, what possible basis is there for any kind of a pay cut? Pay should be higher, not lower.

The Melbourne "Age" political correspondent, Michele Grattan, wrote about the outcome of the summit that "the Government's intellectual rationale (sic) for its youth jobs program is that jobs for young people are now disappearing and eventually the 15 to 19 age group must virtually all be put into education or training" ("Age" 26 July).

Grattan agrees with the Dandenong 17-year old unemployed person quoted at the beginning of this article. The Government claims that there's no point in working at all if your under 19.

What has work to do with age? Why draw lines at 18, or 19, or 21? The employers organisations are hiding the fact that they are employing less and less people by declaring only people between 25 and 45 are "employable". Previously they tried to hide the fact that they couldn't employ everyone by splitting potential workers on the basis of race. Now they are playing the same game with age.

(If we do play this game, there are rules we could make.

If there are only twenty years of one's life in which it is possible to work - working for twenty years and no more is a system of work sharing - there should be some debate as to when those twenty years should be surrendered to the employers. There are people who think that the period between 25 and 45 is exceptionally creative, though this of course is

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Officer BHP Steel since 1987, Dir Tubemak
Aust. since 1988, Dir (Dep. Chrmn) NZ
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In the case of BHP chief John Prescott, it marked the beginning of a more fruitful relationship. The two had met each other occasionally previously but during Keating's consultations on the One Nation package, they immediately struck up a rapport. It was clear to those present that here was a meeting of minds. The hour allocated for the discussions quickly ran over time, leaving National Australia Bank chief Don Argus cooling his heels in the foyer.

Keating later phoned Prescott to ask him to elaborate on some points. His minders also passed on the word to BHP that Prescott had impressed him. Since then the Prime Minister and the chief of Australia's largest company have spoken occasionally, talking of the future of a mutual passion — infrastructure, BHP's Newcastle plant and the country's long-term future.

Prescott, who is also chairman of the Australian Manufacturing Council and is deeply concerned by high youth unemployment, also got behind Keating's job summit. Keating was impressed with Prescott's no-nonsense style and ready ability to draw on hard examples of how economic blockages affected business. Prescott's public criticism of Keating for his handling of Australia's environmental concerns during his Papua New Guinea visit did not damage the Prime Minister's respect for him.

From BHP's viewpoint, Keating was the first leader in a long time with whom its chief could see eye to eye. The company had disliked former PM Malcom Fraser and distrusted Bob Hawke. Former BHP chief Brian Loton's relations with the Government were abrasive.

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extremely arguable. Conversely, the period after 65 has been generally accepted, both by capital and labour, as a period when work is as we understand it today unnecessary. Probably the reason for this is that people are thought to be so exhausted by this time they qualify for a pension that it is believed they can do nothing with their time which would be more interesting than capitalist work. Instead of conceding the the "fag end" of your life to the leisure principle, why not surrender it to the employers as their exclusive property? They might even gain if life expectancy continues to go up - more than twenty years of wage slavery. And it would give the bosses what they haven't got now, and interest in preserving the health of the ordinary person at the age of 65).

There is less work to be done, but the employers wont admit it. Why? Because then people would say it should be shared between everybody by cutting hours without cutting wages. Why should wages be cut? Australia is not producing less. The world isn't producing less. Both are producing more. Tell the employers to shove their lies. If the wealth can't be distributed fairly through a system where bosses pay wages, we should get rid of that system.

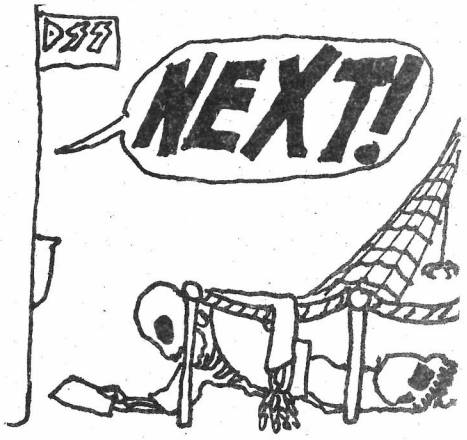
And training? What a joke! If they've indoctrinated you for ten years in the school system, and then say you need even more thought control, there's only one answer - STUFF IF. They want you in "courses" because otherwise you might be doing something interesting and enjoyable that wasn't work. That would mean an end of our social system. They have to stop this or close their factories and offices and everything else. School is dead, just like their system should be.

GO GET 'EM PAUL! MAKE THE BLUDGERS WORK. I'M RIGHT BEHIND YA!

HAYMARKET STREET

S.S. SPEAK or "Words Don't Mean What They Say When Used By The D..S.S."

Some ways the Department of Social Security (sic) uses language to mislead and deceive:



"WAITING PERIOD" - When you apply for, say, the dole when you have supplied sufficient acceptable indentification, the completed Employer Separation Certificate, registered at C.E.S. and answered about 300 personal questions, your application may have be accepted. Then you start the "waiting period". You assume you have to wait for payment, but in fact "waiting periods' are not waiting periods but non-payment periods and when this is finished you start the real waiting period. Confusing?

"OFFENCES" - There are "offences" which you may "commit" other than just needing the dole for survival, such as

: doing voluntary work without the permission of the department, or for more than 20 days per year without permission

: having care of someone during work hours

: putting in your form late

: failing to answer any correspondence the Department claims to have sent

: moving around

: refusing any job offer

: attending a political demonstration

: studying without being told to or simply enrolling

: failing to take "reasonable steps" (they decide what is reasonable) to participate in "another" course (whatever that is).

These "offences" are usually "uncovered" when you are reviewed.

"REVIEWS" - There were 2 million people reviewed last year. 82,000 or 116,000 people (depending on whether you take the figure from Senator Richardson, Hansard 31/3/'92 or the D.S.S. Annual Report) had their payments stopped. According to the latest D.S.S. Annual Report "One of the primary aims of review work is to maintain the high profile of the Department's incorrect control measures within the community. A perception by the community that it is difficult to abuse the income security system and the abuse is likely to result in penalties if detected helps to improve the level of 'voluntary compliance'....increasing voluntary compliance results in a reduction of....the cost of review carried out by the department".

By this logic voluntary compliance should be total if enough reviews are done thereby saving the cost of reviews. But won't voluntary compliance then drop necessitating another round of reviews? Surely this circular logic is just the excuse, not the primary aim for intimidating by review.

Similar gobbledegook is shown in this report when it promises "better targeting to those most in need via...new income tests,

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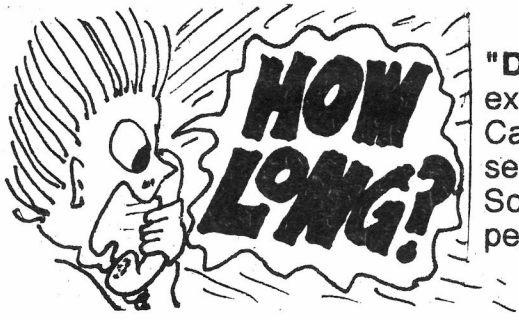
while at the same time liberalising income tests for pensions and benefits." What are they doing? Targeting or liberalising? Whatever the case, if you manage to "fail" a review you have committed an "offence" and will have inflicted on you a "deferment period".



"DEFEREMENT PERIOD" - Payment is not, as you would expect, deferred during deferement periods - it is cancelled. Cancelled two weeks for the first "offence", six weeks for the second, twelve, eighteen etc. untill three years have finished. Some offices tag on a "waiting period" after the "deferement" period.

"ALLOWANCE" - Sounds like pocket money dosen't it? Something which can be "allowed" or witheld at will. This descibes what it actually is, of course, but the Charter of the Department is "To deliver Social Security entitlements with fairness, courtesy and efficiency". (underlining mine). Is it deception to call an entitlement an allowance?

D.S.S. also makes demands which it calls "requests", such "requests" to provide your tax-file number - penalty for non-compliance is cancellation. Or "requests" to the Federal Police for information on a demonstrator, penalty for non-compliance is $2,000.00. The Privacy Commissioner considers this is a demand, not a request and it clearly is.

If you have managed to work your way through this maze and paymant of your "allowance" has been maintained, there is always the activity test.

ACTIVITY TEST - C.E.S. offices have, at least untill recently, been given targets for the number of "failed activity tests leading to 100% cancellation" they must apply. Reviews are one method, another is the EMPLOYER CONTRACT CERTIFICATE. This is given to you either randomly or it you are suspected of not making "reasonable" efforts to find work. "You must ensure that the employers you approach and the jobs you apply for are suitable to your skills and ability, as this will be taken into account when assessing your afforts in finding work". You will also be warned about your presentation.

If you find any employers willing to sign this certificate, the prospective employer will tick a box commenting:

: Applicant not qualifies for position sought
: Suitable postition not currently available
: Presentation did not meet my standards
: Other .....

Whichever box s/he ticks is a reason to fail you on the activity test, except "other" e.g. "I employed someone more experienced."

D.S.S. - EXPERT MISLEADER, MISINFORMER AND DECIEVER! DON'T BE FOOLED!!

AND FURTHERMORE....

Yes, one really harsh cut to the benefits and pensions in the budget will not happen now.

All that means is that there will be cuts elsewhere. At the same time as the projected cuts to single peoples' benefits and pensions were, leaked the "Undercurents" program on 3 P.B.S. also announced that no migrant benefits and pensions will be allowed to people in the first six months of residence. Not only is this cut still on the budget shopping list, but one migrant group - refugees - where targeted even before the delivery of the budget. Applicants for refugee status will not receive any social security payment in the first six months immediately following their application as a result of regulations issued by Immigration minister Gerry Hand on 22. July. Other of Hand's new immigration measures have been denounced by a magistrate who was afraid to be named as "concentration camp stuff".

There is also a proposal from Finance Department assistant secretary Maurie Kennedy, that millions of dollars be set aside in the budget to pay people who provided information to the D.S.S. that would kick people off the dole. The idea is that the informants would be paid half the Departments saved on payments to those who might otherwise receive payments.

Terry Lane called this "a dobber fund" and said "when a government sets citizens to spy on each other then the nation is at peril. The surveillance and betrayal of citizens by citizens is a characteristic of the worts tyrannies". ("Sunday Age" 26. July).

It is nothing new, of course, for unemployed people to be spied on, and have their benefits terminated, as a result of reports from anonymous informers. What is new is that these informers will be paid.

The "susso schemes" in Keating's youth unemployment package will also be extended to adults in the budget. Long-term unemployed adult workers will be conscripted to work for local councils and community organisations at a wage of $280 weekly. Unemployed groups throughout Australia will be organising actions against these new attacks on the unemployed.

POLITICIANS FOUND TO BE NOT OF THIS EARTH!!

Leading Unwaged Workers' Movement researcher Trevor The Fish has amazed the public, embarrassed the government and insulted the scientific community by claiming that all politicians, from local M.P.s to the prime-minister, are not human beings but are in fact a Lovecraftian conspiracy from space to take over the world.

HIDEOUS ALIENS LIVE AND WORK IN PARLIAMENT!

Speaking at a packed press conference called by the U.W.M. Reasearch And Heavy Drinking Department, Mr. The Fish told reporters that he had conclusive proof that those who call themselves "politicians" and "parliamentarians" are actually hideous evil alien beings from beyond this galaxy, who have brainwashed huge sections of the population known as "police" and "bureaucrats" to serve their ultimate agenda of total destruction of the human race.

The Fish cited such examples as the prime-minister and the opposition leader. "Their mannerism and attitudes are not mere arrogance. Only unhuman beings can be so arrogant, uncaring and ridiculous." he said. He also said that the parliamentary political system is not the work of human minds, as "no ordinary human being would think of a system so stupid". He further cited war, wage slavery, capitalism, nationalism, state socialism and channel 10 as elements of the conspiracy.

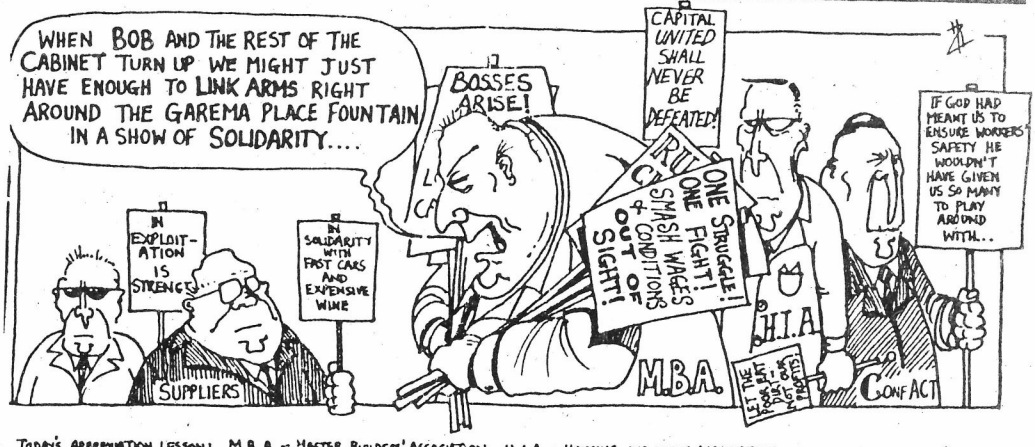
"BULLSHIT" SNEERS POLLIES!

Government sources have been quick to pan Trevor The Fish's allegations. A spokesprganism for the government said "We take this very seriously and will be watching the U.W.M. very closely in future" but strangely would not deny the allegations. A spokesentity for the opposition told the press "this is what happens when unemployed people start to think for themselves instead of look for work. Under a coalition regime such working class scum will be kicked off benefits and taken to concentration camps and made into lampshades. Exterminate! Exterminate!" He was later put down by official party frontbenchers for revealing long term secrets. Democrat and independent sources where not available for comment, although our spies in Canberra report unusual activity at party headquarter related to full moons and the disappearance of local children.

REVOLUTION GOOD FOR HUMAN HEALTH!

Meanwhile, the U.W.M. also reports that while politicians may not be of this world, they, along with their brainwashed slaves, are as susceptible to demoes, riots, pickets, strikes, occupations, revolutions and other traditional forms of working class resistance as any human. The U.W.M. recommends people take these actions immediately for the sake of humanity and the earth. We will

report on further developments as they come to light. For the time being we recommend that readers trust no politician, left, right or centre, and to abstain from voting as this unnatural activity has lead to brain damage in some cases.



TODAY'S ABBREVIATION LESSON: M.B.A. - MASTER BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION, H.I.A - HOUSING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION CONFACT - CONFEDERATION OF A.C.T. INDUSTRY.

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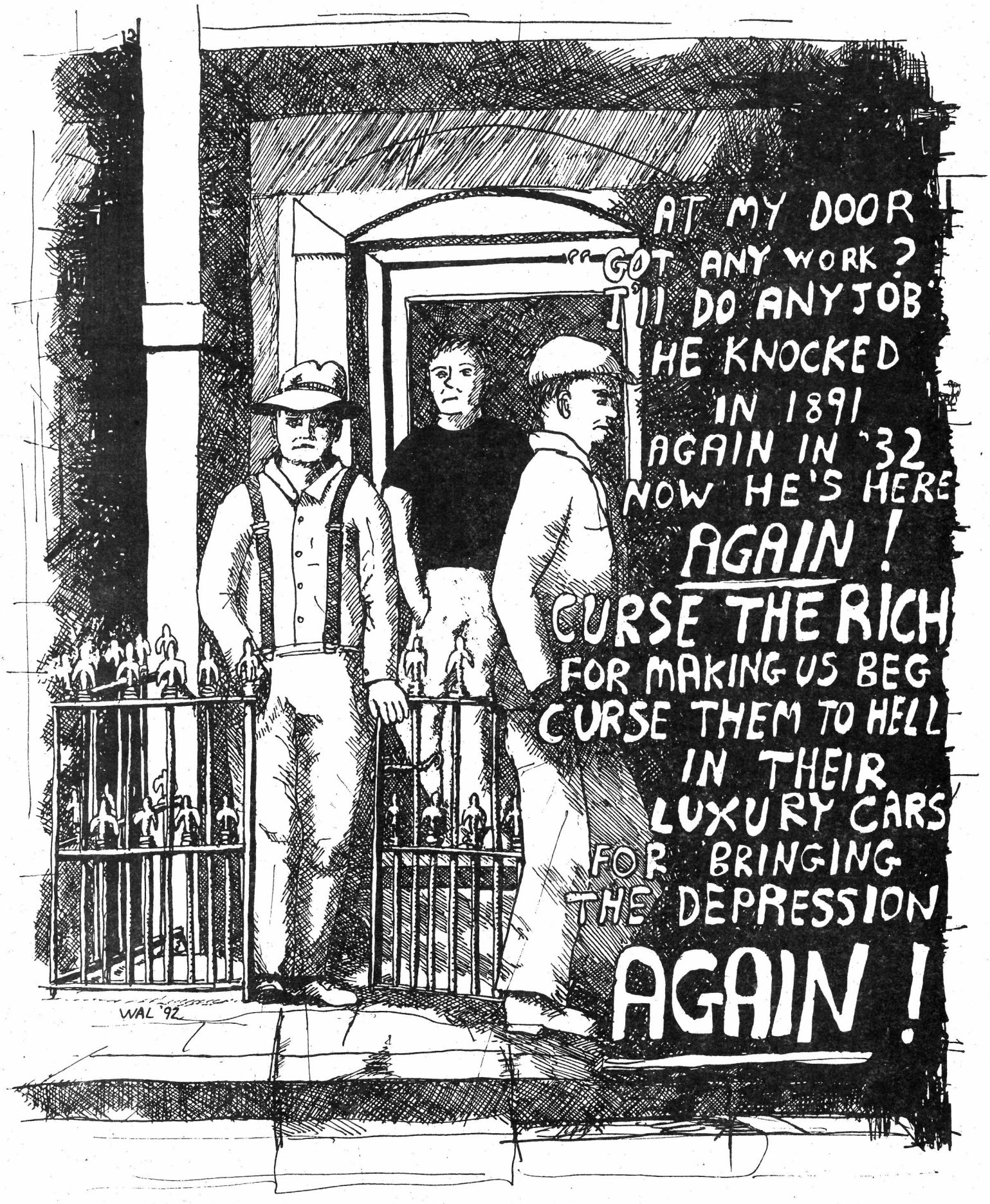
SORRY ABOUT THE SPELLING MISTAKES! /A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I'll DO ANY JOB"
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IN 1891
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